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Update on Proposed WAC Change:

Proposed Washington Administrative Code (WAC) on Order of Selection Priority Categories

DVR has postponed plans to revise the Washington Administrative Code relating to the criteria for priority categories under an order of selection.

To address concerns regarding equitable access to services, a work group consisting of internal staff, Client Assistance Program staff, and State Rehabilitation Council representatives evaluated DVR's priority category assessment tools and processes. The group recommended the following:

- Revise the assessment tool;
- Train VR counseling staff;
- Reassess all individuals on the waiting list using the revised tool.

The DVR Director decided to move forward with these recommendations. DVR believes these changes will result in more accurate determinations and more equitable representation of all disability groups in priority 1, MSD (Most Significantly Disabled).

Training was provided in early May and the revised tool was implemented May 15, 2006. The revised tool will be used to assess new customers and reassess individuals on the Order of Selection waiting list. DVR will monitor the outcome of using the revised tool and, based on these findings, a decision will be made about continuing with the WAC change.

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